UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

JUNE

ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

DATE: February 4, 1964

1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Callahan
1-Mr. Bland
1-Mr. Baumgardner
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1-Mr. Phillips

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST

My memorandum to you 1/28/64 recommended, and the Director approved, that [redacted] of the San Francisco Office report to the Bureau 2/3/64 for a one-day conference preparatory to effecting coverage of the activities of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his associates in Honolulu 2/18-25/64 [redacted]

An all-day conference was held as scheduled with [redacted] and officials and Supervisors of the Domestic Intelligence Division, including representatives from the Laboratory and Washington Field Office. [redacted] was thoroughly briefed on all aspects of this matter, with emphasis being given to the fact that security is paramount and that the need for discrediting King is based upon the communist influences on him. Thorough discussion was had concerning all the matters relating to the operation contemplated, including such facets as technical, personnel and equipment needs, transportation and timing of movements and the like.

Plan of Operation

[redacted] is to be in complete charge of this operation and, for security reasons, will principally utilize San Francisco Office personnel, augmented by having some Honolulu personnel assist in matters where security will not be lessened by the fact that the Honolulu Agents are probably known in many places on the island. (A separate communication is being directed to the personal attention of SAC Price, Honolulu, advising him of Bureau plans and that [redacted] will be in charge of this operation.) [redacted] and one sound-trained Agent from San Francisco will go to Honolulu about 2/12/64 for purposes of making necessary surveys and effecting coverage. Such minute advance planning is deemed necessary for reasons of security and to insure optimum results. It will include, per suggestion of the Laboratory, a "dry run" if at all possible. On about 2/16/64, two or three additional Agents from San Francisco will go to Honolulu, one of whom will be a sound-trained Agent and the other possibly an expert in photography. We are also insuring that these Agents have adaptability to monitoring techniques so as to insure best possible coverage.

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The Laboratory has already undertaken the assembly of sufficient equipment to provide for flexibility in operation and will arrange for shipment directly to Honolulu.

For reasons of security and because of the distances involved and the fact that we may not know until the last moment exactly where the installations will be made, [redacted] was given authority, provided full security was always assured, for necessary surveys and installations in connection with this operation. He was instructed that the Bureau must be promptly apprised of all pertinent developments in this matter and that under no circumstances must any action be taken that could in any way alert King or other unauthorized individuals of our interest in King; neither could anything be done which could bring embarrassment to the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information. You will be promptly advised of pertinent developments in this matter as they occur.